

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.1123**

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TO:	The Honorable William Mescher, Chairman, Senate General Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Blind Vending Exemption - Department of Corrections		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1123 would amend the S.C. Code of Laws so as to exempt the Department of Correction's property from title 43, chapter 26 dealing with the operation of vending facilities by blind persons.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Commission for the Blind (SCCB) indicates they are in the process of placing twenty-one blind vendor stands at various prisons located throughout the state. SCCB indicates existing resources will be used to support these vending operations and no additional funding is necessary. SCCB projects the average blind vendor stand to be located at SCDC would have gross sales of approximately \$100,000 each and gross income of approximately \$39,200 (which are retained by the individual blind vendor). Placement of these vendors within the state prisons could impact SCDC other funds revenue.

There is currently one blind vendor operating on State Department of Corrections (SCDC) property. SCDC has various vending operations throughout the state prison system and generates approximately \$550,000 annually in other funds revenue (retained by the agency) from these operations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Commission for the Blind is the designated state licensing agency under the federal Randolph Sheppard Act which provides blind persons with the right to operate on federal or state sites under both federal and state regulations.

Approved by:



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